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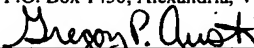
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1. JP S63-77471 U, published May 23, 1988 (which relates to a conventional stepping motor, in which a ball bearing is provided a portion where a bracket is attached to a stator);
2. JP H7-75322 A, applicant Minebea Co. Ltd., published March 17, 1995 (with English language abstract);
3. JP H8-118371 A, applicants Mold Gijutsu Kenkyusho et al., published May 14, 1996 (with English language abstract); and
4. JP H8-186950 A, applicant Minebea Co. Ltd., published July 16, 1996 (with English language abstract).

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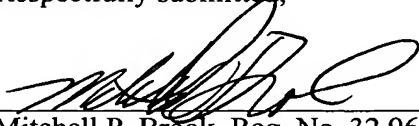
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